

**SIXTH FORM AT  
THE KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL**



**MINI GUIDE  
2020/21**

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## POST 16 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 27th  
February 2020  
4pm-7pm

## STUDENT FOREWORD

As senior students, we have experienced all aspects of Sixth Form life here at King Edward's. Many things stand out about our Sixth Form, such as the unique relationships that exist between teachers and students, nurtured by our small class sizes and subject specialist staff. As Sixth Form students, we are lucky enough to benefit from the many opportunities offered to us which allow us to develop skills and knowledge outside of the curriculum.

Independent study is greatly encouraged as part of our further education here at King Edward's, which is made easy for us as students, thanks to our relaxed social and study spaces. Here at Sixth Form, we believe that student welfare is paramount to academic success and personal development. Our success is not just credited to the dedication of students, but the staff who work equally hard to ensure that any student can reach their potential, no matter what obstacles stand in their way. It goes without saying that here at King Edward's, 'Inclusive Sixth Form, exclusive experience', really does ring true.

## ABOUT US

We have a long and successful record of academic success and are proud of our student's achievements, with many gaining the highest grades. Moreover, our truly inclusive sixth form allows students to achieve far greater outcomes than their GCSE performance would suggest. From their individual starting points, students in our Sixth Form make rapid and sustained progress, and our 'Value Added' data has been significantly positive for a number of years.

Decisions about your Post 16 future will define your future, whether Higher Education, training or employment. Our 'Inclusive Sixth Form, exclusive experience' aims to celebrate and support diverse individual accomplishments with a tailor-made experience; exclusive for everyone.



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# RESULTS

Sixth Form at King Edward's produces consistently high academic outcomes which has put us at the top in Northumberland for the last 5 years for both attainment and progress.



## LARGEST SIXTH FORM IN NORTHUMBERLAND (ON EXAM ENTRIES)

Over 32% of grades A\* or A



Over 62% of grades A\* to B



## OVER 30 COURSES, PLUS AN EXCLUSIVE ENRICHMENT PACKAGE

Average grade for A Level

**B-**

75% attend university

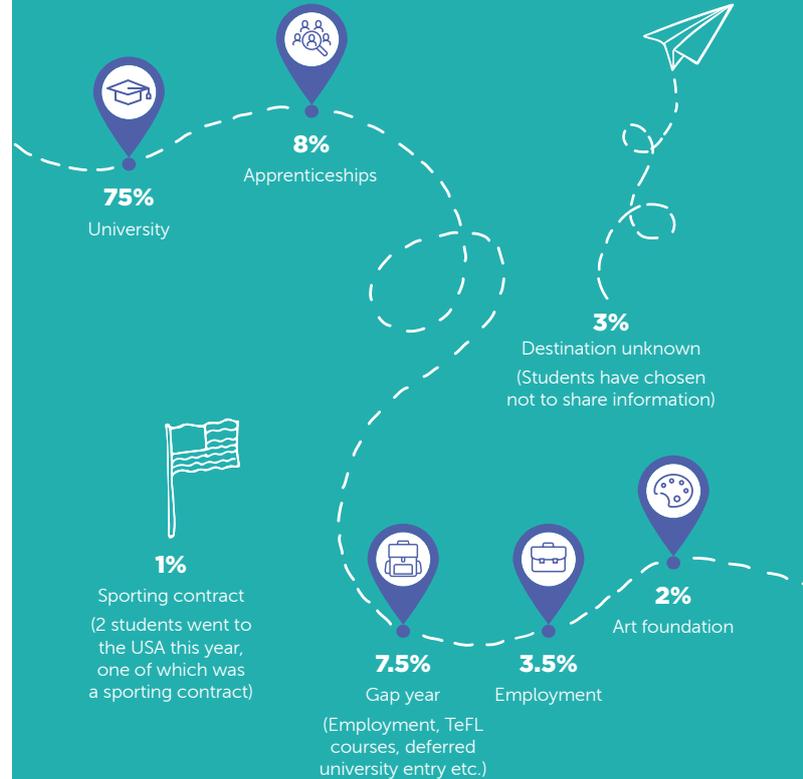


Average grade for L3

**MERIT+**

# DESTINATIONS

Our Year 13 students of 2019 achieved some outstanding results this summer and have gone on to do some amazing things:





**WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE QUALITY IN CAREERS STANDARD, A NATIONAL AWARD RECOGNISING OUR COMMITMENT TO AND DELIVERY OF QUALITY CAREER GUIDANCE.**

## SUPPORT

Here at King Edward's we are delighted to be recognised for our excellent careers advice and guidance. We have been awarded the Quality in Careers Standard, a national award recognising our commitment to, and delivery of, quality career guidance. We are also extremely proud of our work with the Gatsby Charitable Foundation on the National Career Benchmarks pilot programme, where our work has influenced government policy and we continue to be national advocates of the Career Benchmarks.

Students are supported by an experienced Sixth Form team of Year Leaders, Mentors and Post 16 Office Manager, as well as expert teaching staff. We offer a range of supportive events such as Introduction to Higher Education and King Edward's Inspires.

## FACILITIES

We have created an environment that allows all of us to thrive, achieve and be ourselves. Each student is encouraged to achieve their own personal goals by the network of support in place, both academic and pastoral.

We also have a dedicated Sixth Form cafe, Cafe VI. Here you can gather to make new friends, meet old ones, have lunch, chat, or catch up with the latest news.

Sixth Form students benefit from their own modern, separate study facility, the Advanced Study Centre, as well as many departments offering Sixth Form only study areas. We adopt a dress code of plain black, white and grey.

# SIXTH FORM JOURNEY



## THE CURRICULUM

Sixth Form at The King Edward VI School is large and vibrant, offering a large selection of A Level courses. The curriculum is organised into department/subject areas. The typical offer for Post 16 students is three full A Level (or equivalent) courses taught over 9 periods per fortnight, with additional independent study allocated. Extended Project Qualification and/or Core Maths can be taken as fourth subjects, these are typically studied in Year 12 only.

Formal examinations will take place at the end of Year 13 for most students, with internal assessments throughout Sixth Form. Students opting for Level 3/BTEC courses will have formal external assessments at the end of Year 12 and Year 13. Parents and carers are informed of academic progress with three grade updates and an invitation to at least one parents evening each year.

**SIXTH FORM IS LARGE AND VIBRANT,  
OFFERING A LARGE SELECTION  
OF A LEVEL COURSES.**



# ENRICHMENT

In an ever competitive university and employment market it will really help ensure that our Sixth Form students have the edge and have plenty to say about themselves when it comes to applying to progress in the future.

As a student in Sixth Form you will be encouraged to take advantage of a range of opportunities that enhance your studies, skills and experience. We have developed an interesting, varied and worthwhile enrichment programme.

Partnerships with external organisations allow us to provide that individualised and exclusive experience for everyone. You will have time within the curriculum to explore a range of opportunities.

**OUR STUDENTS  
HAVE PLENTY  
TO SAY ABOUT  
THEMSELVES  
WHEN IT COMES  
TO APPLYING  
TO PROGRESS  
IN THE FUTURE.**

World Challenge and MIO		University visits		Chess Club
Youth Parliament		School Council		Reading Ambassador
Rugby, netball, football and hockey		Student Leader		KEVI Inspires
National Citizen Service		Fieldwork visits		KEVI Creatives
Peer mentors		Choir and Chamber Choir		Tech Crew
Orchestra, jazz band and ceilidh band		Debate		Mental Health Advocate
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience plays a huge role in Sixth Form and students are encouraged to seek regular work placements. The experiences should be varied, challenging and used as an opportunity to rule out careers, just as much as they can confirm aspirations and intentions.

Our Year 12 student, Sam, had a hugely rewarding experience with digital design agency JUMP, a placement he arranged himself thanks to networking at events such as King Edward’s Inspires. Below, Sam reflects on his work experience:

### **How would you describe your placement?**

Very relaxed and social but professional and open-minded; everyone spoke up in meetings and gave their opinion on each other’s ideas which felt very collaborative.

### **What did you gain from your placement?**

As well as knowledge of what a work placement is and how a studio operates, I gained the ability to create pieces of digital work with meaning rather than them just looking “nice”.

### **Did you accomplish what you wanted from your placement?**

Yes! As well as wanting to learn and gain insight from the designers, I got to experience working life in a studio which is something I’ve not done before.

### **What was most beneficial to you?**

The help and expertise of my colleagues around me who know much more than I did helped me to expand my thinking and ask how something could be done differently.

## WHAT STUDENTS SAY



When I signed up for King Edward's I felt anxious about the new environment and adapting to a whole new schools systems and people. However, both the efficiency and the constant support put my worries to rest.

What King Edward's offers is second to none, the support you receive to allow you to reach your future ambitions is amazing, the staff are supportive and friendly, and the learning environment on a whole is academically robust and intellectually stimulating.

Being a student at King Edward's since Year 9, I can speak for the school's safe and welcoming environment, you are able to interact with all students and create the feeling of a family atmosphere.

From being in Sixth Form I have been granted with independence to learn and explore subjects and interests that speak to me on a more personal level. This is a quality to Sixth Form life that I really value.

Knowledgeable staff provide an academically challenging curriculum and a diverse extracurricular programme fosters potential for well-rounded growth... Having experienced other schools I am confident my future goals would not be as aspirational as they are today if I hadn't moved to Sixth Form at King Edward's.



**Life at King Edward's taught me that all experiences in life are important whether academic or outside of school. You learn a lot when you don't think you necessarily are. All of the extra-curricular activities I took part in helped me learn what I enjoyed and what I didn't. These experiences helped me to build confidence and have the belief I could achieve anything I wanted.**



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

## 16-19 BURSARY FUND

There are three types of bursary available. To be eligible to receive a bursary in the 2019 to 2020 academic year, a student must be aged 16 or over but under 19 at 31 August 2018.

Students aged 19 or over are only eligible to receive a discretionary bursary if they are continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18, or have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Students aged 19 or over are not eligible for vulnerable bursaries.

### 1. VULNERABLE BURSARIES

Students who are in one or more of the groups below can apply for a vulnerable bursary of up to £1,200 per academic year:

- Young people in care
- Care leavers
- Students getting Income Support, or Universal Credit because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner
- Students receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in their own right

### 2. EVER6 AND FREE SCHOOL MEAL DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

Payment of £600 per year, as a discretionary award, will be made to all students currently eligible for free school meals or to those who have received free school meals within the last six years.

## 3. ADDITIONAL DISCRETIONARY PAYMENTS

These will be administered on a one-off basis, and will be paid strictly on individual merit to assist essential educational participation where hardship is experienced. In order for the school to determine eligibility, students must provide evidence to prove eligibility, for example, the Working Families tax credit award notice, P60 or benefit notice awards. Other forms of evidence may be considered.

Application forms are necessary for bursary claims for categories 1 and 3. These are available from the document rack on the pillar in the ASC. For category 2 bursary, eligible students will be identified using school data and will be contacted accordingly.

### SUBSIDISED TRANSPORT

Students can apply for some financial assistance towards Post 16 transport. Sixth Form at King Edward's would seek to support students who live in excess of 3 miles from school by reducing the cost of their Post 16 travel in order to access our provision. The nature of this support is likely to be a one-off discretionary payment. The specific amount will be determined by school budgets and student demand. The Sixth Form team would be happy to discuss individual personal circumstances as appropriate.

*\*Information correct at time of print*

Full details are available at [www.kevi.the3rivers.net](http://www.kevi.the3rivers.net)

## GETTING HERE

Travelling to the Sixth Form couldn't be easier.



### By bike

There is a network of cycle paths around the Sixth Form and bike racks are available on-site.



### By bus

Morpeth bus station is a short 3 minute walk from the Sixth Form. There are frequent bus services throughout the area. For more information visit [www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk) and [www.pcltravel.co.uk](http://www.pcltravel.co.uk)



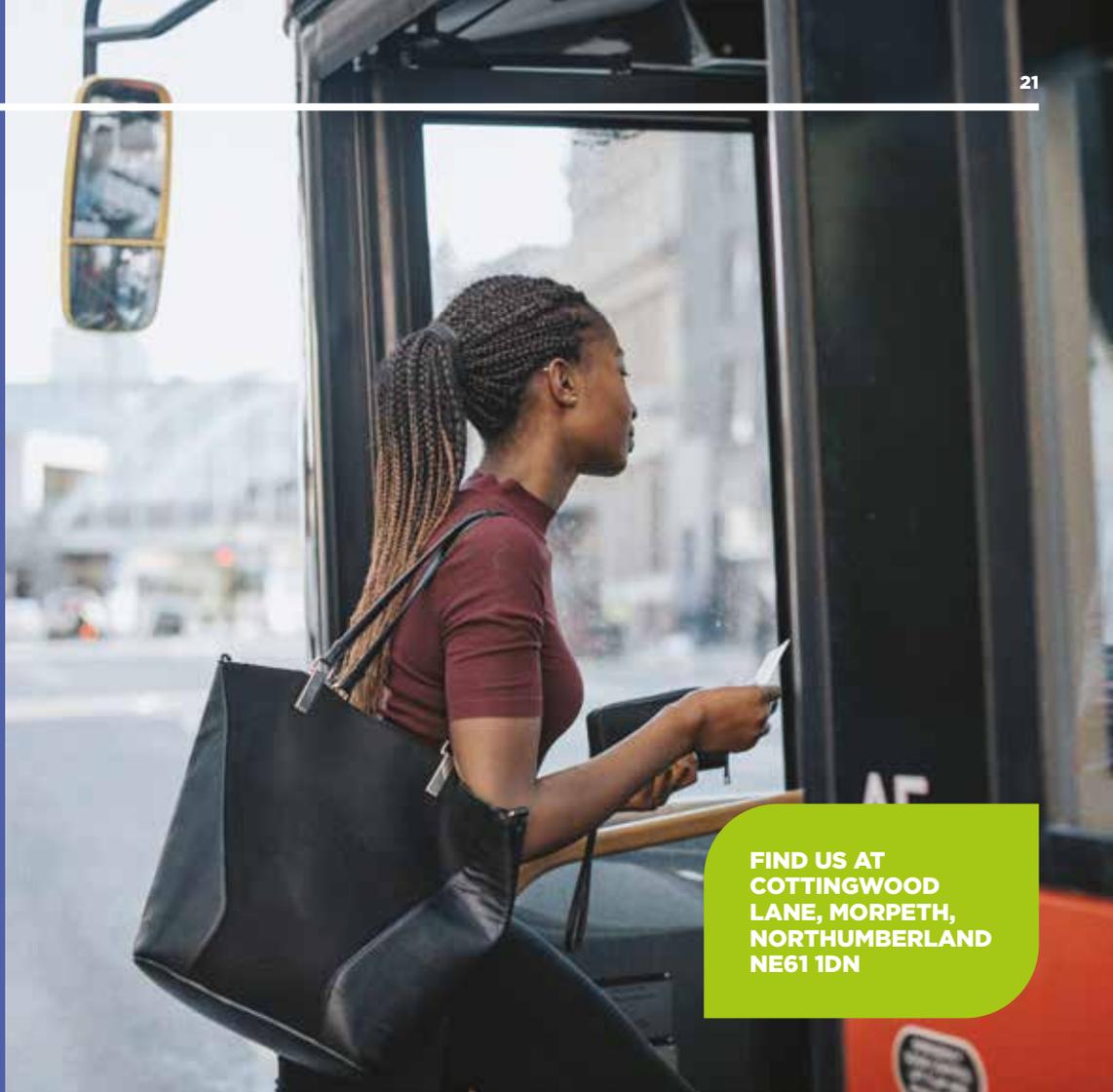
### By car

Just off Cottingwood Lane. On-site parking is limited and on-street parking is for residents with parking permits only.



### By train

The Sixth Form is located just a 10 minute walk from Morpeth train station. Use the Journey Planner at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) to plan your journey.



**FIND US AT  
COTTINGWOOD  
LANE, MORPETH,  
NORTHUMBERLAND  
NE61 1DN**

# A DAY IN THE LIFE



**8:30AM**

Arrive at school  
Read over  
yesterday's notes.



**9:00AM**

**Registration**

Chat with your tutor  
or attend assembly.  
Tutorials are on a Tuesday.

**2:25PM**

**Period 5**

Study period in the library;  
review lesson, complete  
homework and revision.



**3:30PM**

In-school gym  
For Sixth Form  
only sessions.



**10:20AM**

**Period 2**

Study period in the  
library; review lesson,  
pre-read the next  
lesson and revision.



**9:15AM**

**Period 1**  
Lesson.

**1:20PM**

**Period 4**  
Lesson.



**11:20AM**

**Break**

Enjoy the picnic area  
in the summer or time  
in the study centre.



**11:40AM**

**Period 3**

Study period in  
Cafe VI or attend a  
group revision session.



**12:40PM**

**Lunch**

Go into Morpeth  
or go to the dining  
hall or Cafe VI.



## ENTRY CRITERIA

Subject	Minimum grade entry criteria for 2020 start*
Art, Craft & Design	Grade 5 in Art
Art Graphics	Grade 4 in Art or Art Graphics or Design Technology, and Grade 4 in English Language or Literature
Biology	Grade 6,6 in Combined and 6 in Maths or Grade 6 in Biology and Maths plus a 6 in Chemistry/Physics
Business	Grade 4 in Business (if studied)
Chemistry	Grade 6,6 in Combined and 6 in Maths or Grade 6 in Chemistry and Maths plus a 6 in Biology/Physics
Computer Science	Grade 6 in Computing and/or Maths
Core Maths	Grade 5 in Maths
Design Technology	Grade 5 in Design Technology and Grade 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths
Economics	Grade 5 in English Language or Literature and Maths
English Language	Grade 5 in Language plus minimum Grade 4 in English Literature
English Literature	Grade 6 in Literature plus minimum Grade 4 in English Language
EPQ	Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Food Science	Grade 4 in English Language or Literature and a 4,4 in Combined or 4,4,4 in separate Science
French/German	Grade 6 in target language and Grade 5 in English Language
Further Maths	Grade 8 in Maths
Geography	Grade 5 Geography and English Language or Literature and Grade 4 in Maths
Health & Social Care	Grade 4 in English Language or Literature
History	Grade 5 in History and English Language or Literature
ICT	Grade 4 in IT (if studied)
Maths	Grade 6 in Maths

Subject	Minimum grade entry criteria for 2020 start*
Media Studies	Grade 5 in English Language plus minimum Grade 4 in English Literature
Music	Grade 5 or above in Music GCSE or Grade 5 standard in singing or instrument performance (this includes drum kit and electric guitar/bass) and Grade 5 Music Theory (or plans to work towards Grade 5 Theory)
Music Technology	Grade 4 in English Language or Literature, students should also have some instrumental or singing experience with an enthusiasm for using and developing skills in studio recording and music production
Photography	Grade 4 in one of the following: Art, Craft and Design, Graphic Communication or Design Technology and Grade 4 in English Language or Literature
Physics	Grade 6,6 in Combined and 7 in Maths (or taking A Level Maths) or Grade 6 in Physics and Grade 7 in Maths (or taking A Level Maths) plus a 6 in Biology/Chemistry
Psychology	Grade 5 in English Language or Literature and Maths
Religious Studies	Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Sociology	Grade 4 in English Language or Literature
Sport & Physical Activity	Grade 4,4 in Combined Science or Grade 4 in Biology and Chemistry/Physics and a regular participant in sport
Theatre & Drama	Grade 5 in English Language or Literature plus Grade 5 in Drama (if studied)

\* These are under review.

**BEFORE LOOKING AT ENTRY CRITERIA, STUDENTS MUST HAVE A TOTAL OF 5 GCSES AT GRADE 4 OR ABOVE IN ORDER TO ATTEND SIXTH FORM.**

## COURSES

### ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

AQA

### ART & DESIGN: GRAPHICS

OCR

### BIOLOGY

AQA

### BUSINESS

Edexcel

### CHEMISTRY

AQA

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

OCR

### CORE MATHS

AQA

### DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY: PRODUCT DESIGN

AQA

### ECONOMICS

OCR

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

OCR

### ENGLISH LITERATURE

Edexcel

### EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

AQA

### FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION

WJEC

### FRENCH

AQA

### FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Edexcel

### GEOGRAPHY

AQA

### GERMAN

AQA

### HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

OCR Cambridge Technical

### HISTORY

AQA

### INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

BTEC Level 3 (NCF)  
Extended Diploma in IT

### MATHEMATICS

Edexcel

### MEDIA STUDIES

OCR

### MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Pearson Edexcel

### MUSIC

Edexcel

### PHOTOGRAPHY

OCR

### PHYSICS

AQA

### PSYCHOLOGY

AQA

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES: PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN RELIGION

OCR

### SOCIOLOGY

AQA

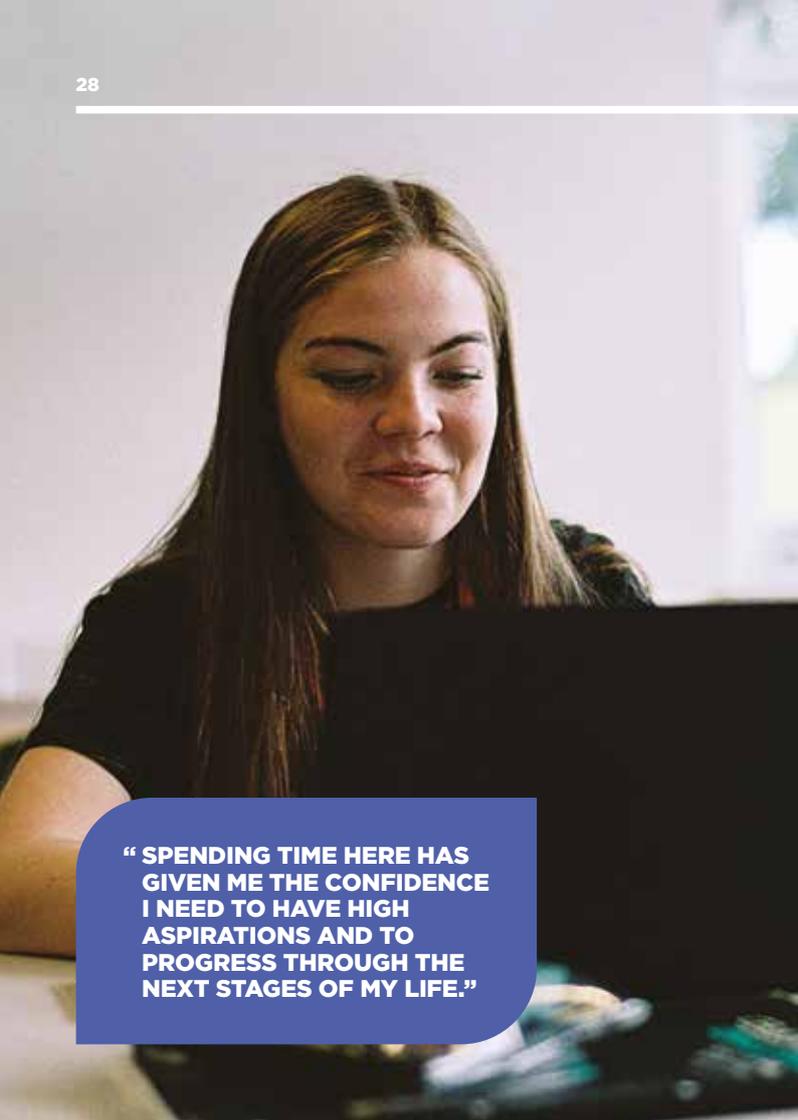
### SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

OCR Cambridge Technicals

### THEATRE & DRAMA

OCR

*\* Details are correct at time of print. We are always committed to enhancing and developing our curriculum offer.*



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Rivers**  
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